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## C L U B   L U N C H E O N

THURSDAY, Dec. 30.....TOOTS SHOR'S RESTAURANT, 51 W. 51 St.  
12:00 Noon (Cocktails)-----Luncheon at 12:30 P.M.  
Members: \$2.50.....Guests: \$3.00

SPEAKERS: CBS CORRESPONDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Seven correspondents of the Columbia Broadcasting System, returning to New York for a once-a-year program Jan. 2, will give the OPC a preview at this week's luncheon. Instead of making speeches, they will answer questions about the world's chief trouble spots. DAVID SCHOENBRUN comes from Paris and North Africa; Howard K. Smith, from London and six weeks in South Africa; ALEX KENDRICK, from Central Europe and Belgrade; RICHARD HOTTELET, from Bonn; BILL COSTELLO, from Asia; Eric Severeid, from Washington; and BILL DOWNS from Rome and Palestine. Program chairmen TEX and JINX MCCRARY promise a program that will be long remembered. ED MURROW will be toastmaster. The luncheon will be held at Toots Shor's because of space limitations at the club.

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OPC members will ring out the old year and ring in the new at a gala New Year's Eve party Friday night. The celebration starts at 9 p.m. A buffet supper will be served at 10 and the festivities will continue until about 2 a.m. Dinner dancing and other merriment will make the first New Year's Eve in the new clubhouse a gay event. More fun for less money is promised at \$4.50 a ticket. LARRY BLOCHMAN and his Hospitality Committee expect a happy crowd. Make your reservations early.

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Holiday Party For The Younger Set

For the children of OPC member and the young at heart there will be excitement aplenty at the Children's holiday party Tuesday, Dec. 28. Entertainment, games, ice cream and other refreshments (the bar will be open for parents) are planned to give everyone a good time. The children, who were entertained in the days of the old club quarters with Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, can look forward to surprises galore at their introduction to the new building. Reservations should be made at once. Check club for time.

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## FORECAST: 1955

The Hospitality Committee will inaugurate its 1955 activities with a Founder's Day party Jan. 12. WYTHE WILLIAMS, the founder president, and others who attended that first meeting on Easter Sunday, 1939, will be honored. Cocktails from 5 to 7 p.m. will be followed by dinner.

Jan Cwicklinski, who captained the Polish liner Batory when Gerhard Eisler fled East aboard her, will be the OPC's guest at the open house Tuesday, Jan. 18. As a refugee from Communism, Captain Cwicklinski will tell the story behind his book, "The Captain Leaves His Ship". The party starts at 5 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner for those who can stay.

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The TOWN CRIER \* Los Angeles (delayed)---The OPC reunion here at the Los Angeles Press Club to watch the TV spectacular "Dateline" was a big success. \*\*\*\*\* HAZEL TOW and VICTOR BOESEN met for the first time since they reported World War II in the South Pacific. Greeting OPCers were Brig. Gen. DAVID SARNOFF, RCA-NBC board chairman; Frank Folsom, president of RCA, and Louis B. Mayer. LEONARD SLATER (Newsweek) helped promote the large West Coast audience. Returning to Los Angeles from a polar junket via Paris and Cannes, he appeared on station KRCA Friday, Dec. 10, to talk about the dedication program. His program, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., was called "See Hear."

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OVERSEAS TICKER...

Berlin (GERHARD STINDT of NBC reporting)---Correspondents who gathered here anticipating riots during the Berlin elections found the only excitement came from an unexpected source, the neo-Fascist Deutsche Partei. Several European newsmen were insulted and actually attacked at their Sportspalast meeting Nov. 23. From Bonn and other spots in West Germany came Dave Nichol and Judy Barden of the Chicago Daily News, Gaston Coblenz of the Herald Tribune, Joe Grigg, UP manager in Germany, and Dan DeLuce, AP chief in Germany.

AP is moving Bob Tuckman from Berlin to Frankfurt and Reinhold Ensz from Frankfurt to Berlin. Tom Reedy, AP's Berlin bureau chief, has moved the AP offices here to the Kurfuerstendamm, which is fast becoming the foreign news street of Berlin. The bureau is now opposite Berlin's most modern Hotel, the Kempinski.

Chancellor Adenauer gave a luncheon for the foreign press here during the election campaign and said he would make every effort to see that civilians control the proposed German Army.

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In Sympathy

The Bulletin, on behalf of officers and members and in accordance with a resolution by the Board, offers condolences to FRANK WACHSMITH, whose son, Donald, a Korean war veteran recently returned home, was killed in an automobile crash in Westchester County on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The sympathy of the Overseas Press Club and its members is also extended to the family of SAMUEL D. FUSON, vice-president of Kudner Agency, who died after a brief illness on November 4.

**CLASSIFIED:**

OPC member, twice nominated for OPC awards, finds self stuck in pleasant but non-challenging stateside desk job. Has newspaper, wire service and radio experience. Wants--nay craves--another foreign assignment and will go almost anywhere. Write Bulletin Box C.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ACTIVE: WILLIAM A.H. BIRNIE, vice president, Crowell-Collier Publishing Co.  
PAUL BLOCK, JR.; publisher, Toledo Blade.  
JAMES O. BURNS, Saturday Evening Post; Burns Photography, Inc.  
MICHAEL GEORGE CRISSAN, The Associated Press.  
PAUL MARK GRIMES, The Bangkok Post; AP and New York Times.  
ROSALIND H. MASSOW, New York Journal American.  
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HARRY WILSON, vice president, Visual Methods Co., Inc.

AFFILIATE: LEW SARNOFF.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONSACTIVE:

Dean Brelis, assistant editor, Life; October 1950 to November 1951; Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaya, Indonesia; October 1953 to August 1954; Italy, Greece. Proposed by WILLIAM P. GRAY; seconded by JOHN LUTER.

Frank M. Leonard, February 1944 to May 1945, Barth Hard Times (published by and for American POWs at Stalag Luft #1, Barthe, Germany); October 1946 to October 1947, Aero Digest Publications; October 1947 to March 1948, PR Director Air Force Assn and contributing editor of Air Force Magazine; from March 1948 to December 1948, congress editor, Republican News and byline column "Washington Week". PR director, Campbell-Ewald Company. Proposed by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.; seconded by REAVIS O'NEAL, JR.

Nicholas Mamula; from March 1944 to February 1945, correspondent CBI roundup, XX Bomber Command, Chakulia, India; from March to October 1945 editorial adviser and correspondent, 58th Wing News, Tinian Island; publicity, Campbell-Ewald Company. Proposed by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.; seconded by REAVIS O'NEAL, JR.

ASSOCIATE:

Edward Robb Ellis; World-Telegram and Sun; from August to November 1945 editor of Navy newspaper on Okinawa; from May to July 1950 in Europe for World-Telegram & Sun. Proposed by ZANDER HOLLANDER; seconded by GABRIEL PRESSMAN.

Jon Embretsen; Norwegian Information Service, Norwegian Embassy since 1948. From 1944 to 1948 editor in chief Norwegian Desk, ABSIE in London and for OWI from 1943 to 1944. Proposed by JOSEPH C. PETERS; seconded by MADELINE D. ROSS.

Marian A. MacPhail; chief of research, Life Magazine since 1946. Proposed by WILLIAM P. GRAY; seconded by JOHN LUTER.

Norman A. Schorr; from July 1945 to April 1946 PR Officer US Army, AFWESPAC in Luzon, Philippines (covered news for all media); from February to July 1945 PRO, St. Louis Ordnance District; from February to November 1941 with United Press; from June 1940 to February 1941 with Detroit Free Press; from November 1941 to June 1943 and May 1946 to April 1952 PR representative, Westinghouse Electric Corp.; presently Norman A. Schorr & Co. Proposed by JOSEPH WILLICOMBE; seconded by J. C. DINE.

Henry Rossiter Worthington, Jr.; from March to November 1944, overseas correspondent in London for US Government War Shipping Adm.; from May to August 1939 producer CBS "We The People"; presently Public Relations of Lithographers Foundation. Proposed by WYTHE WILLIAMS; seconded by HENRY GELLERMAN.

Willis Patterson Young; (son of OPCers MARJORIE and JIMMY YOUNG); staff photographer and reporter, Anderson (S.C.) Daily Mail since 1950. Proposed by JOSEPH WILLICOMBE; seconded by HARRY L. WELKER, JR.

AFFILIATE:

Grant Webb of Grant Webb & Co. Proposed by HELEN SLADE; seconded by A. WILFRED MAY.

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LOST: The flags from the center piece decorating the buffet table at the celebration of the "Dateline" telecast. It will be news to someone that they were not souvenirs, and their return would be appreciated.

MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND DRIVE SHOOTS OVER TOP;  
CAMPAIGN WILL END DEC. 31

The Overseas Press Club's Memorial Fund drive has shot well over the top of its goal and is now coming to an end.

The campaign will close officially on Dec. 31, and a final report will be made to the membership after an audit. The latest report, as of Dec. 15, shows a total of \$268,197.72. Only the final year end report will show how far the drive has exceeded its goal. The Fund will have continuing need for money for future operations, of course.

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The Board of Governors, at a meeting Dec. 21, voted to authorize the Memorial Building Fund to spend \$10,000 for final improvements to the new club headquarters. JOHN BARKHAM, presiding, appointed a special committee of three to study the pending financial relationship between the Fund and the Club. BRUNO SHAW, HAL LEHRMAN and A. WILFRED MAY will investigate legal and tax aspects of the question and report back to the Board of Governors.

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MAY, in issuing the Treasurer's report at the Board of Governor's meeting, reported the Club's November net income was \$361.92 compared with \$271.05 for October. The November report showed this improvement in spite of a non-recurring expense item of \$500.

The first 15 days of December showed somewhat similar results, MAY said. Since October, there has been a marked increase in the volume of business in food and beverages, particularly in connection with special functions, he noted. Yet, MAY stressed, the Club still has a long way to go to reach its potential.

With increasing activities, the club's overhead expenses are increasing, May added, and there is need for increasing business in the restaurant and bar as well as the use of the club for special events. The treasurer reported that current dues collections are "quite satisfactory".

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AT THE REQUEST OF THE BULLETIN, the Board of Governors decided to examine the possibilities of improving its format. The Bulletin cited a need for a more convenient and professional looking format in view of the Club's expanding facilities, and was asked by the Board to report on plans and the amount of money required.

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MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND REPORT  
Dec. 15, 1954

	<u>DEPOSITED</u>	<u>PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Brought forward 12/3/54	\$ 267,090.72	\$ 1,030.00	\$268,120.72
New Contributions	77.00		77.00
	\$ 267,167.72	\$ 1,030.00	\$268,197.72

## SPANISH AMBASSADOR DEFENDS PRESS POLICY

His excellency the Spanish Ambassador Don Jose Maria De Areilza told an OPC luncheon Dec. 16 that Spain wants to end censorship, not start it.

Asked about a New York Times report that the draft for a press law would give the Government power to approve or veto the nomination of editors, he remarked that the reporter must have confused the plan with the method of nominating Catholic bishops. The ambassador said he had not seen a copy of the purported draft and doubted that the reporter had. Spaniards are freedom seeking people, he claimed.

The ambassador spoke several days before Spain's Minister of Information was quoted in the American press as saying that those who advocate "so-called freedom" are not speaking in the interest of Spain.

The ambassador advocated Spain's admission to the United Nations and reported that relations with the Western powers are improving daily. Spain does not believe "very much" in coexistence with the Communist powers because Communism cost Spain 1,000,000 dead in the Spanish Civil War, he declared.

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